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LIBRARY OFFICIALLY OPENS

The 92,000 square-foot library celebrated its official opening Oct. 18.

JENNA BUMGARDNER
STAFF WRITER

Gray clouds hovered overhead Thursday afternoon as Valley College held its official opening ceremony for its two-month-old, $20.3-million Library and Academic Resource Center.

The celebration was held outside the front entrance of the library with a group of more than 50 students and faculty members. They gathered to listen speakers thank those who helped with the inception of the library, celebrate the new facilities the library boasts and dedicate the Writing Center to Marvin Zuckerman, the former chair of the English department.

"We're very grateful ... for the bond money to pay for this library," said George Markarian, the vice president of the Associated Student Union . "It has great facilities. It has a great computer lab. [Students] have a lot of access to new resources ... to more tutoring. We're looking forward to being able to use it to its full effect. I think the bond money was really put to use."

Scott Weigen, the current director of the Writing Center, presented Zuckerman with a plaque and revealed that the Writing Center will now be called the Zuckerman Writing Center. Zuckerman began working at Valley in 1966 as an hourly professor and eventually became the chair of the English department. According to Weigen, he was instrumental in establishing Valley's first writing center.

Previously, student resources like the Writing Center were scattered throughout the campus, but the library combined these functions allowing for its full title, the Library and Academic Resource Center. Now, students can study and attend math labs, receive tutoring at the General Tutoring Center and Zuckerman Writing Center, and visit the Valley

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MAGGIE HASBUN | VALLEY STAR

CUT BACK, FIGHT BACK - Los Angeles Community College District students and near by community colleges marched Friday afternoon for their support of Proposition 30 before Election Day on Nov. 6 in downtown Los Angeles at the Governor's Office.

VALLEY STUDENTS MARCH FOR "WALKING DEBT," YES ON 30

Community College students protested in support of Proposition 30 in Downtown Los Angeles.

DEZIREE MILLER
STAFF WRITER

Zombies were a few blocks away from Los Angeles City Hall on Friday afternoon, waiting to attack students and supporters of Proposition 30.

The marchers would be slowed by the zombies in the public display for education, just as the budget cuts have done to students in students' pursuit of higher education, and when the protestors reached the end of their march at the governor's downtown Los Angeles office, students and instructors took turns speaking on a megaphone to the crowd.

"They say cut back, we say fight back," the protestors chanted as they marched to the downtown office of Gov. Jerry Brown, carrying banners and signs with pro-Proposition 30 messages.

Proposition 30 would raise $6 billion for schools and colleges through a temporary tax increase on those with incomes of more than $250,000 and a 25-percent sales tax increase in California, also temporary, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"No one knows better than students what this recession has done in the last four years, and no one has more to gain than you if Prop. 30 passes," said Joanne Waddell, the president of the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild.

California community colleges have lost $809 million from the state since 2008 according to the L.A. Times.

Speakers at the march emphasized, "If you vote yes on 30, you should vote no on 38, as only the proposition with the most votes will pass."

Proposition 38, which also aims to raise funds for school—but mainly K-12 education—would, however, raise income taxes on everyone for 12 years, according to the Huffington Post.

"I came out here to support yes on 30 because I know I'm dealing with the same issues as everyone with overcrowded classrooms, not getting the classes I need to transfer [and] not being able to get to financial aid," said audio recording major Juan Carlo Guerrero, who painted his face to look like a zombie. "I'm going to three campuses right now for classes: Valley, Pierce and Mission. It's hard."

These challenges are certainly not something new or rare to students. The L.A. Times has recently run pieces profiling students, such as Valley's Jin Ong, who have been forced to commute to various college campuses to take the classes they need.

On top of the effects for community college students, the Cal State system has almost completely shut down admissions for spring 2013. Only a few of the campuses will be admitting new students for the term and only those who meet strict requirements.

Cal States will also accept fewer students if Proposition 30 does not pass, according to CSU Mentor, the website where students can apply to Cal State Universities. For students, this means a delay in transferring and more competition between for the next available term of admissions.

"Students, parents, teachers, are all united in this, and this is something that affects all of us as a community," said Valley political science major and Associated Student Union Vice President George Markarian.

For more information on Proposition 30, visit: www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

VALLEY PREPARES FOR 2013 ACCREDITATION

In spring 2013, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges will visit Valley.

JENNA BUMGARDNER
STAFF WRITER

Valley College has been busy preparing for its spring 2013 visit by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges by holding public question-and-answer sessions and finalizing its self-evaluation report.

Valley is a fully accredited institution, which means that it has a "stamp of approval" from the ACCJC, which functions under the larger umbrella of the Regional Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

"Being accredited gives students and the public assurance of the college's integrity, quality and effectiveness," said Deborah Kaye

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ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

MAYORAL DEBATE

The Associated Student Union hosted a debate for the mayoral hopefuls.

These features and more can be found in full @ www.lavalleystar.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cal State and UC applications are due Nov. 30 for the fall 2013 semester. For further information, contact the Career/ Transfer Center.

CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER
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The deadline for College Application Fee Drawing from the Associated Student Union is Nov. 7. A total of 25 students will be selected at random and will receive a $55 scholarship for Cal State or a $70 one for a UC application.

The applications for the drawing can be found in the ASU office in Student Services Center 205, or call 818-778-5516.

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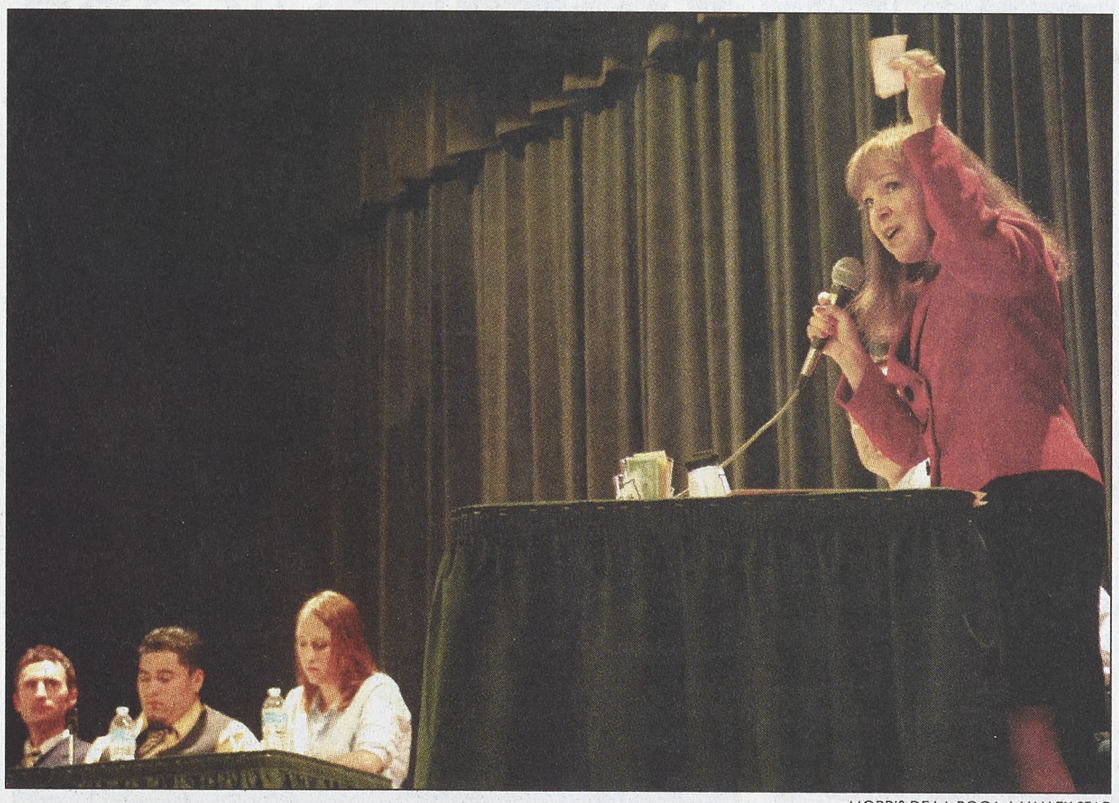

MORRIS DE LA ROCA | VALLEY STAR

MONEY FOR THE TAKING? - Susan Shelley, 30th district congresswoman hopeful, spoke to the audience on the consequences and the fate of funds should Proposition 30 pass.

Students, faculty and other Valley community members gathered to listen to the debate on Proposition 30.

ROMEO GONZALEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Valley College's Associated Student Union was host to a debate on Proposition 30 this past Wednesday in Monarch Hall with more than 100 students and staff in attendance, where they were informed with cups, statistics and personal stories about Proposition 30's pros and cons.

Two members of Valley's Political Action Coalition, Nicole Hutchison and Keith Hernandez, along with philosophy instructor Zack Knorr, were the proponents of the proposition. Mark Sonnenklar, a member of the Hancock Park Patriots, and hopeful congresswoman for the 30th District Susan Shelley were the opponents.

"This is the first amendment in action," said Sonnenklar. "I think it is great that you guys invited people from both sides of the spectrum to discuss this issue."

The message that Valley's PAC members were giving the audience was how a yes vote on 30 could benefit them in the upcoming semesters.

According to the PAC panel, if Proposition 30 does not pass next month, Valley will not have a winter or summer session this year, and in addition, 200 classes will be cut next spring semester.

"Our reality has become crowded classrooms, class lotteries and a third or fourth year at what is supposed to be a two-year," said Hutchison, a member of the PAC. "Each semester, I have to enter class lotteries. Each semester, I lose class lotteries. I haven't been able to get the classesthat I need, so I'm here for a third year."

The PAC explained that Proposition 30 will only create a

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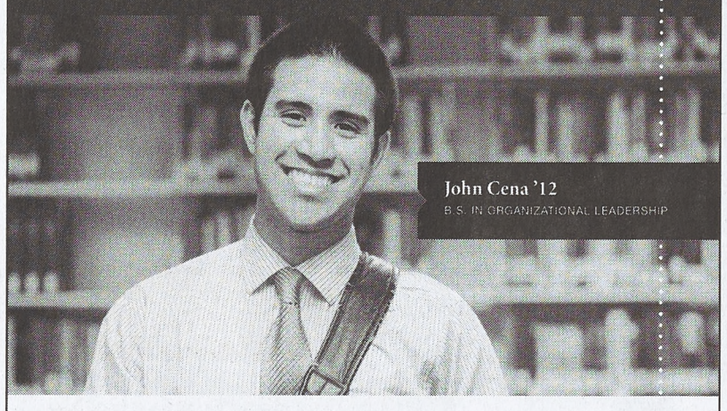

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HEALTH CLUB HOSTS LECTURE ON PROP. 37

Two guest speakers lectured about Proposition 37 this past Tuesday to a handful of students.

ARIEL WAITKUWEIT
COPY EDITOR

Presidential candidates and Propositions 30, 32 and 38 are not the only heated topics this election, as Proposition 37 holds some controversy of its own with Californians arguing whether genetically modified foods should be labeled for consumer knowledge.

Two pro-Proposition 37 guest speakers, certified natural health professionals Dr. Donna Miller and Isabel Charleston, lectured to more than 10 health club members in room 410 of the North Gym on Oct. 23, advocating that they pass on the information given and vote yes on 37 for the labeling of GM foods, also known as genetically modified organisms.

"If this passes, 'natural' will be taken off these labels because this is not natural,". Miller said, referring to GMOs.

During the lecture, the two speakers educated attendees about a recent rat-corn study conducted in France and showed pictures of the rats that were fed Monsanto Company's NK603 GM corn. Traditionally, Monsanto does 90-day studies to test its GM crops—showing no adverse reactions—according to a Huffington Post article.

Miller, however, said that the tumors shown on the rats in the photo from the French study administered independently of Monsanto were the result of them eating the corn for much longer than 90 days. According to Charleston, the rats were studied for two years, and multiple organ damage was another adverse effect the scientists conducting the study noted.

"In my opinion, GMOs are crimes against humanity and nature," Charleston said, also citing from labelgmos.org that "86 percent of corn in the U.S. is GMO."

Charleston also discussed the monetary issues Proposition 37 skeptics and other Californians have in regards to potential price increases resulting from the labeling.

"It will not raise prices," Charleston said in regards to consumers purchasing food if packages were to be labeled. "It doesn't change any price. It didn't change in Europe, Russia, Japan or China."

After listening to Charleston's point claiming that GMO-selling companies have not increased their products' prices for labeling in these other countries, health club member John Campos said he was more informed regarding the discrepancy of potential price increases some of the public has worried about.

"I'm more convinced now that that's not necessarily the case in terms of consumer price," Campos said.

Health club President Mark Bozek also thought the lecture was informative and thinks that Proposition 37 is an important transition for America in terms of food.

"This would shift the whole country's food supplies," Bozek said, comparing the United States' packaging with Europe's GMO-labeled foods if Proposition 37 passes. "More people need to be in tune with this."

For more information regarding the pro-Proposition 37 information presented during the lecture, visit www.CARightToKnow.org, a website provided on the guest speakers' "Yes on Proposition 37" flier for the Million More Movement.

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College Museum in the same building.

The Library and Academic Resource Center was built using part of the $6 billion in voter-approved funds from the Los Angeles Community College Building Program obtained from Propositions A and AA in 2001 and 2003 and Measure J in 2008. But, these funds can only be used for construction and not to cushion the recent budget cuts the school has experienced.

Chancellor Daniel LaVista reminded the audience of the 20-percent budget cuts the school has endured throughout the past three years.

"You're wondering: how can you build buildings like this?" asked LaVista. "What you should be thinking about is a debt of gratitude to our board of trustees because it had the vision ... to go to the voters for approval on three separate bond referenda ... and which together amounted to a $6-billion fund to build buildings like these."

With the November elections approaching, one speaker, Los Angeles City Council Member Paul Krekorian, hinted at Proposition 30 and the effect it would have on the school if passed.

"Let's not forget, over the next few weeks, that our commitment to this building should be equaled by our commitment to ... making this college available to as many students as we can," said Krekorian.

During his comment, an audience member shouted, "Yes on [Proposition] 30!"

Krekorian responded with a chuckle.

"She said it, not me," Krekorian said.

The library is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

RAY BLUMHORST | VALLEY STAR

RIBBON CUTTING - Valley College's new Library and Academic Resource Center is dedicated Thursday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left to right: LACCD Chancellor Daniel LaVista, Valley Dean of Academic Affairs Sheri Berger, LACCD board member Scott Svonkin, Los Angeles Community College Board Second Vice President Nancy Pearlman, Valley President Sue Carleo, LACCD Board President Steve Veres and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian.

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of the Professional Development Department. "It is very important. It's … a chance for the college to take a look at the way we function and try to make improvements, something we've been doing while working on our self-evaluation report."

If Valley were not accredited, it would not be able to receive federal funding for students and courses would not be transferrable. All community colleges are evaluated every six years; Valley's last evaluation was in the spring of 2007.

The ACCJC often gives recommendations to schools on how they can improve to meet all of the ACCJC's standards. The LAVC Accreditation recently held four meetings to prepare to finalize the school's self-evaluation report, which addressed the recommendations given this past spring.

"For example, one of those standards that we are obligated to follow is to have Student Learning Outcomes for all of our courses and to assess those outcomes," said President Sue Carleo." The SLOs are not 100 percent complete, but we are at least 40 percent in assessing our SLOs. ... That, I am predicting, will be a recommendation from the visiting team [this spring.]"

Most schools in the Los Angeles Community College District receive recommendations. When schools do not meet the ACCJC's standards, they may have sanctions, such as "warnings," "probations" or "show causes" imposed on them. In the 2005/2006 school year, Compton Community College lost its accreditation because it did not meet the ACCJC's standards. Valley has never been given sanctions but does expect to receive recommendations this spring.

"We're not perfect," said Carleo. "If we have not met a standard, we also need to present a plan to meet that standard. ... We have ongoing work that is moving us toward 100 percent."

If students would like to give feedback about Valley College's performance, they can visit www.accjc.org or the LAVC Accreditation's town hall meeting Nov. 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

DEBATE

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tax increase on the wealthiest people living in California. That includes a 1-percent tax increase on people making more than $250,000 a year, 2 percent on any income over $300,000 and three percent on anyone who makes more than $500,000.

According to Knorr, there will also be a small increase on the sales tax rate.

"We are talking about a very modest sales tax rate, a quarter of a penny," said Knorr. "[What] that means is [when you] go and buy a cheeseburger for $4, you are paying 1 cent extra."

Opposing opponent Shelley responded, showing the audience with cups and Monopoly money how the money is distributed in California and how the money that is marked for education is removed and put in pensions and benefits.

Both Shelley and Sonnenklar's arguments focused on why people should vote no on Proposition 30.

According to Shelley, schools will never see the money that is promised to them. They believe that Proposition 30 is another plan by Gov. Jerry Brown to raise money and use it to get California out of debt.

"They're going to take all that money that comes in from Prop. 30, and it's going to go right int the unfunded pensions," said Shelley. "We can't afford what we have."

In her closing statement, Shelley stated that if Proposition 30 passes, it will not help.

"It's a scam, and you are the victims of it," said Shelley. "If Proposition 30 passes, it will not help, and if Proposition 30 fails, [the government] will not cut $6,000,0000,0000 out of education."

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HURRICANE RENEWS CLIMATE DISCUSSION

In an election cycle devoid of climate talk, Sandy forces the issue.

ROME MOORE
STAFF WRITER

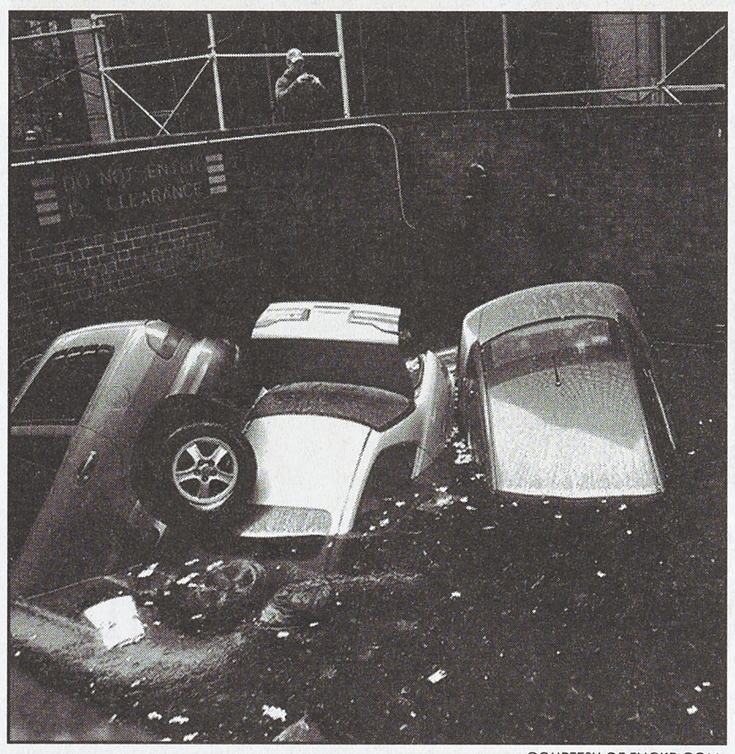
Centuries ago, people were absolutely sure the earth was flat and the sun revolved around it. Decades ago, people couldn't fathom a man walking on the moon. Today's Republican Party is sure that climate change is a myth even as its effects are literally slapping the eastern coastline of the United States.

Hurricane Sandy made landfall as a post-tropical cyclone on the southern coast of New Jersey on Monday at 8 p.m. with sustained winds of 80 miles per hour. Flooding and high winds have brought New York City, along with much of the Northeast, to its knees. At least 29 people have died and millions of people across multiple states are without power. The global impact of this storm is not yet known, but Forbes estimates the damage will top $20 billion.

This storm was big—really big. According to the Weather Channel, Sandy was 1,000 miles across. That is the distance from Los Angeles to the Rockies.

During the 2012 primaries, almost every Republican candidate stood in opposition to the mass of scientific evidence supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, among other scientific bodies. The GOP Draft Platform criticized President Barack Obama at its convention for elevating climate change to a severe threat. Gov. Mitt Romney was a lone voice of reason, saying, "I believe, based on what I read, that the world is getting warmer. And number two, I believe humans contribute to that." But, at an August campaign stop, Romney changed his position to echo the rest of his party.

Republicans have become the party of denial. Even as the East and South were battered with record temperatures and the West was aflame with wildfires, Republicans acted as if nothing was out of the ordinary. Obama has pushed—although not hard enough—for clean energy, only to be blocked in Congress by Republicans ignoring science and catering to their industrialist benefactors.



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RISING TIDES - New York City saw massive hurricane-related flood damage.

It is impossible to say that one storm was caused by climate change, but science supports this claim. Bill McKibben, a recognized expert on climate change, spoke to Congress after Hurricane Irene struck in 2011 and said Irene was "precisely what climatologists have been telling us to expect."

This year, the Arctic summer ice fell to its lowest point in history. As the warmer oceans fed Sandy, she grew to be a much larger version of Irene.

Talk of climate change has been absent from the campaign trail and the presidential debates. Americans spent so much time on "legitimate rape" and "binders full of women" comments that they have ignored one of the most important topics concerning the security and future of America.

In coming days, both Obama and Romney will say everything they are supposed to say about tragedy and coming back stronger than ever. But, America should exchange coming back stronger for coming back smarter. Even if climate change is not a manmade phenomenon of disastrous proportions—though science says it is—it would be better to err on the side of caution, just in case. It is time for the United States to address this issue and take action because the world is getting dangerously near its tipping point.

STACEY DASH: CLUELESS OR SHREWD?

Actress Stacey Dash fires up the twitter-verse with a political endorsement.

ROME MOORE
STAFF WRITER

One simple tweet from multiethnic actress Stacey Dash sparked a firestorm of verbal attacks on the Internet.

"Vote for Romney. The only choice for your future," wrote Dash.

The actress, best known for her roles in the '90s film "Clueless" and the television show "Single Girls," followed up with "My humble opinion … EVERYONE is entitled to one."

The backlash against her was immediate. One of the most retweeted responses said, "You're an unemployed black woman endorsing @MittRomney. You're voting against yourself thrice. You poor, beautiful idiot." Other tweets were vile. "Stacey Dash has probably been thinking that she's a white woman since her 'Clueless' days," and "She's an indoor slave."

She was accused of being a race traitor as if she were betraying some ancient racial trust declaring that black people must vote for black candidates regardless of whether they agree with them. Not only is this un-American, but it is in direct contradiction of what the civil rights movement—which black people were at the forefront of—ultimately stood for. Dash has the right to back whatever candidate she chooses even if the majority of African-Americans think she is wrong.

News about the tweet reached Gov. Mitt Romney's camp, and vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan called Dash to thank her for her support.

The situation illuminated many of the underlying issues concerning race and class in this upcoming election. Black evangelicals have escaped this criticism even though many of them have supported Romney for his stances on gay marriage and abortion, which align themselves more toward their Christian beliefs. Poor whites supporting Romney have also dodged criticism even though President Barack Obama's economic policies benefit them more.

If someone is criticizing Dash, they should be even louder in their criticism of these people. That is one of the benefits and curses of America's democratic process: even the uninformed can participate. Americans can vote for or against their self-interest.

No one is overlooking the fact that celebrities sometimes say things for attention as they revel in the public spotlight. Dash has been a part of the entertainment industry for the past three decades. She was aware that her tweet wouldn't sit well with Obama supporters and that they would respond, placing her back in the headlines. However, Dash is also an unemployed actress who stated her reasons for supporting a man who is very unpopular among the race she identifies herself with. She is entitled to her opinion, and people should let it be.

Dash detractors must remember that blacks fought for civil rights during the '50s and '60s to achieve the same rights as white people—not only for black people but for all minorities. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't include a racial or gender disclaimer at the end of his "I Have a Dream" speech. Even though it still isn't a perfect union, this nation has come a long way. The same set of rights and privileges that made it possible for a man of mixed heritage to become president also allow an actress to proclaim who she believes will best lead the country for the next four years regardless of whether people agree with her.

VALLEY VIEW | DO CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS AFFECT YOUR VOTE, AND IS IT FAIR TO CRITICIZE THEM?

"Celebrities don't affect my vote. I'm capable of thinking for myself. I'm sure they have reasons for voting the way they do."
-EERAS GALVEZ

"It doesn't matter who celebrities vote for. It's their personal opinion. It does not affect my vote."
-GABY HERRARA

"The criticism is ridiculous because everybody should be able to have their own choice and opinion on their vote."
-DIAMOND LEWIS

"Celebrity endorsements don't affect my vote. But, if they have the right to their opinion, then people have the right to criticize them."
-EBONY CONLEY

"I try not to pay attention to celebrity endorsements. It's ridiculous to change your vote because of a silly celebrity."
-NAT HERDER

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PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS FIGHT FOR VOTES

The candidates square off in the final two debates before voters hit the polls.

ASHLEY GOOSSEN
STAFF WRITER

One of the great truisms of American politicians is their capacity to say a lot without saying anything. This exact cliché played out during the recent series of presidential debates between Gov. Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama.

After a first debate that was widely considered a strong victory for Romney, the candidates met again on Oct. 16 at Hofstra University. The challenger hoped to build on the momentum he had gathered while the president sought to recover from a disappointing showing in the previous meeting.

From the moment Obama took the stage, he was much more energetic than in the first debate.

However, due to the over-aggressive tone taken by both Romney and Obama, the majority of the debate was downright uncomfortable.

The likeability factor for the nominees went out the window once the candidates began to attack each other on certain topics, such as Libya, jobs, the economy, taxes, immigration and inequality for women in the workplace.

Each candidate had strong moments, ranging from Obama calling out Romney for favoring the rich—particularly in regards to taxes—to Romney referencing Obama's poor record on unemployment, debt and poverty.

Although both had successes and shortcomings, Obama brought home the win in this second debate.

Apart from a few flaws, the president delivered the aggressive, outgoing performance that was expected of him in the first debate.

The candidates met for their third and final face-off on Oct. 22 at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida for a debate on the issues of the economy and foreign policy.

The two argued over America's role internationally, paying special attention to involvement with Libya, China and Iran, as well as the war in Afghanistan.

During the first half of the debate, the candidates shared common views on the economy and national security.

Obama started the night off strong, making clear his view that to accomplish goals internationally, it is essential to fix problems domestically.

However, one of Obama's best and most memorable moments of the night was when he mocked his Republican challenger on his repeated attacks on the size of the Navy.

"You mention the Navy, for example, and that we have fewer ships than we did in 1916," said Obama. "Well governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets."

The president did not hesitate to call out Romney for his record on foreign affairs, portraying his foreign policy positions as unstable and constantly changing.

However, Romney did have his high points throughout the debate, with his most notable being his mentioning of what he claimed to be Obama's "apology tour."

"You said that America had dictated to other nations," said Romney. "Mr. President, America has not dictated to other nations. We have freed other nations from dictators."

While the president had a stronger start, it was Romney who had a stronger finish.

Romney did exactly what he had to do in order to stand a chance against Obama in the polls—he maintained the momentum that he established in the first debate and was able to prove he is versed enough in foreign policy to serve as commander in chief. According to the Gallup poll taken after the third debate, 56 percent of debate viewers believed Obama to be the winner whereas 33 percent believed Romney did a better job.

Not only have the presidential debates offered entertainment to viewers, but they have also given the American people great insight into the different paths this country could take if the president is re-elected or if Romney takes office.

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CUTTING TO THE BONE

A LADDER OR AN ANCHOR?

Student loans place an unfair burden on low-income students.

KEVIN JERSEY

The recent economic recession has been tough on California. As part of an effort to balance the budget, the state has cut its funding for schools. But, this attempt at financial responsibility has not solved the problem, instead merely shifting the economic hardship from the government on to students.

It is these students who ultimately pay the price for the state's fiscal fiasco. Tuition fees are going up, and as a result, more and more students are forced to take out costly loans to finance their education. However, if tuition is seen as an investment in a student's future, the costs are worthwhile since any money spent now will be returned in the form of a career and the lifetime of paychecks that come with it.

But, for most students, this is only a pipedream. The reality is that most students face fewer job opportunities, smaller paychecks and an overwhelming struggle to pay off oppressive student loans.

A recent report from the Center for American Progress has shown that about two-thirds of students graduating with bachelor's degrees in 2008 had to take out a loan to help pay for college, an increase of almost 20 percent since 1993. But, an additional 30 percent of students who took out loans never earned a degree, meaning they have fewer opportunities than graduates to find a job that will enable them to repay these loans.

This is all part of a vicious cycle. Students from low-income families attend college to help them find a career that will improve their financial situation. But, they have to take out loans to finance their education. Those who graduate find that the promise of a career is little more than an illusion, though their loan payments are very real. Although the employment rate for recent college graduates is currently about 4.1 percent—about half the rate for non-graduates—this number is misleading.

It is true that graduates are more likely to find a job, but it is also increasingly likely that these jobs are either low paying or outside the student's field of study. These graduates are now working a job they don't want and barely earning enough to pay off their loans. But, they can't quit their jobs, or else they risk defaulting on their loans—as nearly six million students have, according to the CAP report. The result is that an education that was supposed to be a ladder to help people climb out of economic hardship has instead become an anchor that drags them further under the rising tide of debt.

None of this has discouraged students from attending college. The economic downturn has driven up enrollment as people try to improve their job prospects, but the only ones making any money in this deal are those writing the loans.

This will continue to be the case as long as education is viewed as a commodity rather than a right. If an education is something to be bought or sold, students will continue to mortgage their futures, and no one will pay more than those who can least afford it.

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October
Wednesday, 31

Club Day
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monarch Square
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818-947-2715

"Translations: Artists of the Metro Orange Line"
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
LAVC Art Gallery
Sponsored by the LAVC Art Gallery
818-947-2431

Mitsuko Morikawa Piano Trio
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Music Recital Hall
Sponsored by the Free Concert Wednesday Series
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November
Thursday, 1

"Translations: Artists of the Metro Orange Line"
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
LAVC Art Gallery
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818-947-2431

ASU Inter-Club Council (ICC) Meeting
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Campus Center 104
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Friday, 2

French Literary Circle
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Foreign Language 102
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Self-Help Valley Group of Adults with Epilepsy
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Faculty Lounge
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8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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October
Wednesday, 31

Undecided Major/Career Workshop
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

November
Tuesday, 6

UCLA Representative
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

UCLA Application/ Personal Statement Workshop
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, 9

UCLA Bus Trip
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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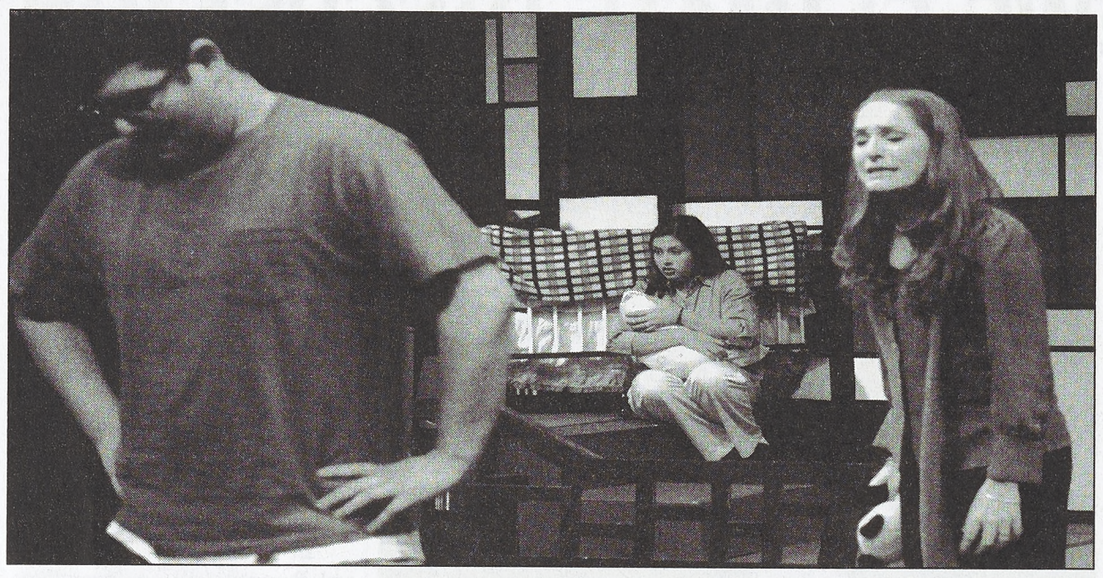


MORRIS DE LA ROCA | VALLEY STAR
DRESSING THE PART - Katherine Arevalo and Clotilde Delavennat were two actors outfitted by Mary Reilly in "Living Out."

THEATER WELCOMES NEW HIRE

There's a new costume maker at Valley who has experience ready to share.

JHANELLE RIVERA
STAFF WRITER

It all started for Mary Reilly during third grade, creating stripes on her skirt for a candy cane costume she was wearing in a Christmas pageant. The costume maker had a realization: things that you wear can make you something other than who you are.

With a budget of zero, the new Valley College theater arts department costume maker helps transform actors into characters by scavenging through donated pieces in the design room to assemble costumes for each actor.

"I often ask people when they ask me how do costumes work, 'Have you ever been part of a wedding?'" said Reilly. "It's one of the largest occasions. It has to be 100 percent right at an exact moment in time, and that's what we do every night when the curtains go up."

Reilly knew she was destined to become a costume designer since her third-grade pageant. She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts in costume production from the University of Arizona and also has a master's degree in fine arts in costume design from UCLA. Reilly appreciates the ability to exchange and learn by being able to design and teach all in one.

Part of the responsibility in designing clothes is to communicate with an audience and visually define a character's lifestyle. Reilly starts from tear sheets—collages with picture cut-outs that describe a character's place in society. After collecting ideas, she starts sewing.

"You start with a piece of fabric, and it's nothing; next thing you know, it's something that transforms a character and actor into something more than we can imagine," Reilly said.

Besides Reilly's part-time position at Valley, she is also a costume design instructor at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. According to Reilly, her new position at Valley gives her a chance to do two things she enjoys: designing and teaching. In addition to making the costumes, she assists students during lab and instructs new projects for students who share an interest in costume design.

A costume designer communicates with the stage designer as well to make sure proper lighting will enable the audience to see the costume colors on stage. Reilly works closely with new faculty member Jennifer Read, who is responsible for the technical aspect of theater, such as lighting and set design.

"Lighting is one of those nontangible elements that can affect everything," said Read. "Like [a] green shirt: if I put a red light on it, I can make [it] brown; if the costume design picked that color, she's going to want to see that color."

Reilly just completed her first production with the theater arts department, "Living Out," and is gearing up for her next project.

NEW CLUB AIMS TO MAKE VALLEY COLLEGE HEALTHY

The health club wants to inspire students to reach their healthy potential.

ROME MOORE
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College health club is reaching out to students with healthy recipes, a variety of guest speakers and non-traditional approaches to healthy living to raise awareness on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and exercise.

The club, which is in its first year, may have goals in common with the active club, but it is attempting to differentiate itself by focusing on the educational aspects of the lifestyle as opposed to physical activities.

"There are six dimensions of health: physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, environmental and emotional," said faculty advisor Monica Hang. "So, we try to hit all those aspects of health. People just think about working out, but they all intertwine."

Members can take advantage of the relationship the group has with Whole Foods Market to taste different organic foods at club meetings. Students attending the meetings may also have experiences they didn't expect. Future plans include actress Rachel Brooks Smith teaching her power dance routines and a question-and-answer session with Dr. Leonard Coldwell, an expert on cancer, depression and stress-related illnesses.

"It's not just nutrition; It's everything," said club President Mark Bozek. "I want to have activities where we all bring in a motivational song. We decipher it, discuss why it motivates us because music affects your health."

Members are encouraged to explore other out-of-the-box ideas and games they would like the group to try out or talk about.

Another current focus of the club is to bring attention to Proposition 37, which will require the labeling of genetically engineered foods.

"It's a monumental thing for the whole nation," Bozek said. "Companies like Smuckers, Coca-Cola and Pepsi will eventually change their ingredients. In 30 different countries, they don't use [genetically modified] ingredients."

The group is concerned about the awareness the other propositions receive compared to this one and thinks Proposition 37 could go a long way in curbing obesity and promoting natural health but is often getting passed over for attention.

The health club meets Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 410 of the North Gym, and membership is open to anyone. For more information, contact faculty advisers Monica Hang or Kristen De Simone, visit the club's Facebook page or attend a meeting.

FOOD REVIEW

FISH DISH BRINGS TASTE OF NORTH AMERICA

Fish Dish has a variety of plates ranging from spices from New Orleans to the taco of Baja California.

COURTNEY BASSLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

MAGGIE HASBUN | VALLEY STAR
ATTENTION TO DETAIL - The Fish Dish's charbroiled tilapia is served with either cajun or garlic butter sauce and comes with coleslaw, bread and a choice of white rice, brown rice or fries for $7.95. The eatery does not just serve seafood, despite its name; the menu offers several chicken dishes, as well. Whether surf or turf, the restaurant's vast options are all well priced for a student budget and filling for a big appetite.

Students in need of a quick escape for an expedition of the continent's seafood can journey to Fish Dish for lunch or dinner.

Located between Cedros and Vesper avenues on Ventura Boulevard, forget about the nearby, obvious fast-food options like the Southern California burger chain, The Habit and the Mexican stop, Baja Fresh. Choose Fish Dish as an alternative for a quick bite to eat, with ample seating; wharf-like, tattered colorful walls; red, curved-shaped overhead lamps; and good customer service.

With six different options of fish dishes and more than 10 fish on the menu along with three other seafood items—calamari, shrimp and scallops—this Sherman Oaks eatery is a pescatarian's dream.

The charbroiled tilapia prepared Cajun style takes customers on its first stop to New Orleans. The Cajun rub on this mild fish has the balance of saltiness and spiciness. Along with the African freshwater fish, the tilapia "from the charbroiler" section—for $7.95—accompanies coleslaw, garlic bread and the choice of white rice, brown rice or fries on a huge plate, allowing for leftovers for a good deal. The coleslaw, which two out of the six menu options have, is surprisingly sweet and crunchy.

Customers also have the opportunity to venture to Baja California for a fish taco. The salmon taco—one of the cheapest menu items—priced at $2.75, can be prepared traditionally by the grill or Cajun style. Either choice is a jam-packed bite to eat.

The fish taco, served with one corn tortilla, cabbage, red cabbage, tomatoes, cilantro and chipotle sauce, is a delectable mouthful. Fish Dish servers plan ahead, handing customers a fork, which is plated in a paper tray because this taco is bound to fall apart. The creamy chipotle paired with the tomatoes give the bite a punch with two different cabbages for a cool crunch. If one is not the biggest cabbage fan, ask for light cabbage because the taco almost seems more like a salad after the tortilla breaks.

Traveling to the opposite climate of Baja California to Alaska, a customer can enjoy the fish plate of deep-fried pollock for only $6.95. The breadcrumbs with the Alaskan native fish pair well, and the tartar sauce on the side make it a dish to remember. The plate also comes with fries and coleslaw. One should ask for this not to be too overcooked because if it is, the fish could be a bit chewy. Keeping this in mind, make sure to request preference on how the fish is prepared.

Fish Dish offers plates to those who enjoy chicken as well. These options take customers to Hawaii with native alternatives like a Hawaiian BBQ chicken breast katsu and grilled chicken teriyaki.

While Fish Dish is a quick-serve restaurant, the ambiance and service create a place where customers can stay and enjoy their time eating, studying or catching up with friends while having alternatives to fast-food staples like chicken or beef.

Fish Dish is located at 14266 Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks. Its hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENTS GET THRIFTY WITH FASHION TO OFFSET COLLEGE EXPENSES

Students explore ways to shop for clothes without spending a fortune on a wardrobe.

JHANELLE RIVERA
STAFF WRITER

FATIMA JIMENEZ | VALLEY STAR

AFFORDABLE THREADS - Students facing financial strife are succumbing to buy donated clothes, shoes, backpacks and other second-hand items all over the San Fernando Valley to save money.

With the increased tuition; financial aid delays; and surge in book, gas and Metro pass costs, fashion-forward Valley College students may find it difficult to stay stylish in this economy. But, thrifty students know a secret.

These in-the-know students hit budget-friendly thrift stores to remain fashionable, purchasing designer clothes for bargain prices, exchanging old clothing for the new and discovering outstanding vintage pieces.

Student Morghan Carter's mother introduced her to thrift shopping at age 8. Buying second-hand has saved Carter money for college fees, she said.

"You have to go to school every day of the week. You have to pay for books … bus passes … what you eat on a daily basis," Carter said. "To be able to go to the thrift store on the weekend [and] spend a very small amount for a couple of different items is comforting."

Instead of throwing unwanted clothes in the trash, fashionistas can explore creative ways to save bank by recycling clothes, exchanging old garments for new threads at secondhand stores, such as Buffalo Exchange and Cross Roads Trading Co.

For students who like to stay on trend, these two chic, recycled clothing shops are a way to stay trendy and not go broke.

"I took a bunch of my old clothes to Buffalo Exchange on Ventura Boulevard," said communications major Monica Diaz. "I got about $20 for a shirt and some pants, then I used money for gas and a Nine West bag for school."

Cinema major Jahsaudi Perkins, a student who avoids shopping in mainstream retail stores, enjoys local recycled clothing store THRIFTnoho in North Hollywood. THRIFTnoho's prices range from $1 to $10 for most items. The store has major deals on a variety of clothing, from women's and men's apparel to brand-name shoes, dresses, jeans, snapback hats and much more.

On random days, THRIFTnoho delights customers with 50-percent off the entire store. The owners of the thrift store also alter and customize articles of clothing customers bring in, producing a new, original piece.

"I recently gave THRIFTnoho a drawn out sketch of what I envisioned would be a great design," said Perkins, 20. "The owners design it in no time. I was amazed by the craftsmanship."

Those searching for something unique or vintage, such as sociology major Chryz Ortega, look to Goodwill for jewelry, clothing and house supplies from different eras. While prices at this donation chain are already cheap, on Saturdays, Goodwill chooses a tag color to be on sale throughout the week.

"Unique and vintage is what I love about it," said 20-year-old Ortega. "It saves me a lot instead of buying $200 worth of clothing. I can save a lot and use the money for books and gas. I feel less guilty, too."

Thrift shopping can help ease the burden of college finances, and by becoming a "thrifter," a student can seek new styles without burning a hole in their pockets.

TODAY'S CLUB DAY EVENT INCORPORATES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS INTO HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Valley College's Oct. 31 club day has more than just a Halloween theme, mixing the holiday fun with life-saving breast cancer tips.

ARIEL WAITKUWEIT
COPY EDITOR

For Valley College, today is more than just another Halloween, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month is culminating with a dual-themed club day sponsored by the dance club and Student Health Center.

"Since there were only two club days this month, we wanted to somehow incorporate the breast cancer event theme with the Halloween theme," said dance club President Noelle Andressen-Kale regarding her collaboration with the Student Health Center's Physician Assistant Sonia Nodal.

According to Andressen-Kale, Nodal came up with a slogan fit for both themes: "Don't Be Afraid, Be Aware."

While Nodal helped form the encouraging, fear-free concept, Shirley Hodgeson—a Valley retiree who worked in the women's gym for 38 years—knitted themed scarves, fit for fall and breast cancer awarness, to hand out for the event.

"In a short period of time she has knitted over a dozen scarves in pink colors to give them out on our event. We will be a having a drawing [for them] on that day," Nodal said.

Andressen-Kale also did her part in handmade preparations for the event, having hand-sewed a the Breast Cancer Awareness Dedication Quilt that was passed for signing to honor both breast cancer survivors and those who died from it.

"It [toured] the classrooms and will be on display during this event. Anyone can sign it," said Andressen-Kale, a breast cancer survivor.

Aside from the quilt-signing campus tour, which made stops at various parts of campus—including the President's Office, Counseling Office, and North Gym—Andressen-Kale and Nodal also visited classrooms Oct. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. and gave presentations regarding breast cancer to help spread awareness prior to the event.

"We passed out pink ribbons, how to do a self-breast exam brochures, and brought [the] quilt for anyone to sign," Nodal said, adding that the quilt is "running out of space for writing."

> **"A few important tips are to keep low body fat and be within our body mass index of 24 and no greater."**
>
> -Physician Assistant Sonia Nodal

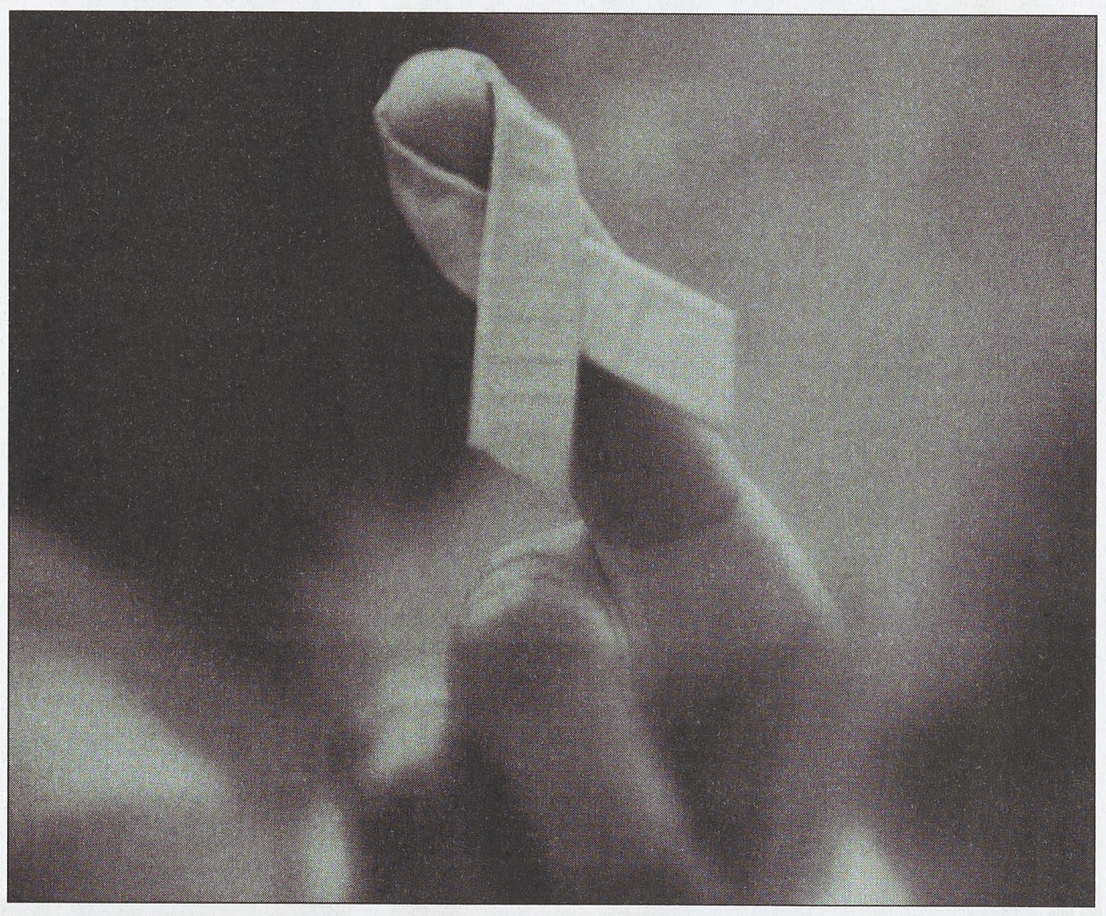
The quilt will be on display today along with a dance club-made memory wall. Like the quilt, the memory wall can also be decorated. Students may adorn the wall with pink ribbons to commemorate family and friends who died of breast cancer.

According to Andressen-Kale, the dance club will perform a piece on breast cancer awareness at about 12:45 p.m., and its booth, which will be shared with the Student Health Center, will give out more free pink-ribbon pins and information about breast cancer.

According to Nodal, there are many unknowns regarding breast cancer, but there are preventive measures people can take.

"A few important tips are to keep low body fat and be within our body mass index of 24 and no greater," Nodal said, "exercise, minimize alcohol intake [and] avoid smoking."

The dual-themed event is today, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monarch Square.



MAGGIE HASBUN | VALLEY STAR

PINK FOR HALLOWEEN - Valley College's Oct. 31 club day commemorates the conclusion of October, which is Halloween as well as the last day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event is set to celebrate the spooky while informing students about how to avoid and diagnose the disease that affects mostly women with no family history of breast cancer, with only 15 percent of those diagnosed having a relative with the disease, according to breastcancer.org.

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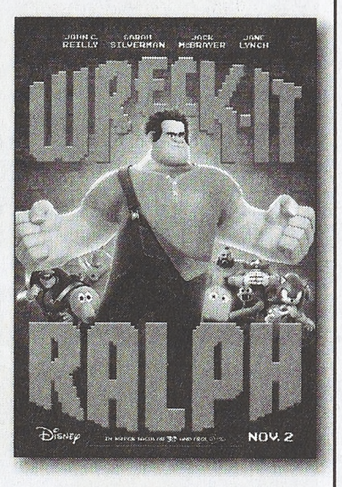

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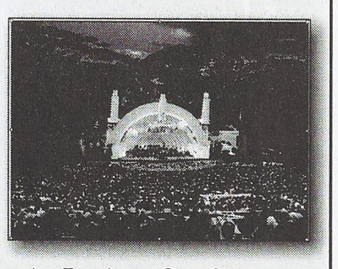

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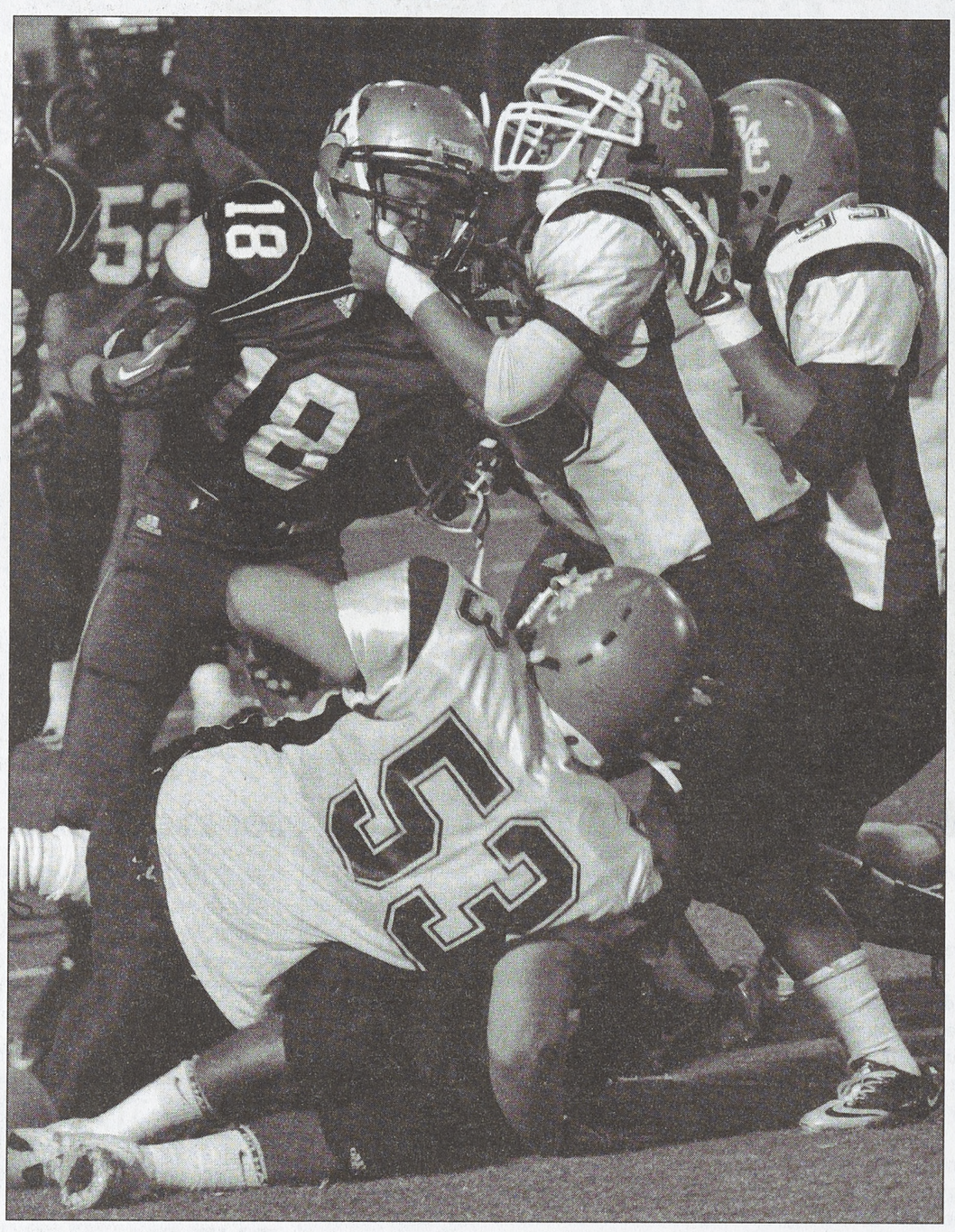

RAY BULMHORST | VALLEY STAR

TOUGH GOING - Valley College's Isaiah Anderson, No.18, finds it tough going against Santa Monica College's line as he is held up by Santa Monica College's Juan Climaco, No. 43.

MONARCHS BREAK LOSING STREAK

The Monarchs defeated the Glendale Vaqueros last Saturday night.

JULIO FLORES
STAFF WRITER

In the eighth game of the season, the Monarchs finally won. The Valley College football team defeated the Glendale Vaqueros 57-18, scoring five touchdowns in the first quarter. The Monarchs had not scored 22 points in any game this season

"These guys have stuck together and worked so hard. I'm just proud of the players," said Valley coach Larry Kerr. "We played tough in the last two games against some of the best teams in the conference. I knew we were getting better as a football team."

Valley running back Antonio Bray, who ended the game with five touchdowns, returned a 94-yard kickoff 14 seconds into the game for the first touchdown of the game. Later that same quarter, the Monarchs capitalized on turnovers by the Vaqueros.

Monarch defensive back Bryan Beaman recovered a fumble and returned it for a 19-yard touchdown to make the score 14-0 with 10:48 left in the first quarter.

Again in the first quarter, Valley's defense took advantage of mistakes by Glendale's offense. The Monarchs defensive lineman Alfy Hill recovered another fumble on the Vaqueros 18 yard line.

The Monarchs offense added another touchdown after a turnover on a 16-yard screen pass from quarterback Bradley Hunt to Bray, extending the Monarchs' lead 21-0.

"The offensive line, the quarterback, the defense—we were all on the same page," said Bray. "Coach told us before the game, 'Play like it's your first game,' and we did.".

The Monarchs' momentum continued with them in the second quarter extending the lead 44-6 after Valley's defensive back Winston Rose returned an interception for 41 yards.

"The win was just what we needed," said Rose.

Valley's Steve Carranza, who finished 2 for 2 and 38 passing yards, took over as quarterback for the Monarchs to start the second half.

Valley scored on its first drive of the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Royce Long, making it 50-12.

The Vaqueros managed to score a touchdown on a 2-yard run by running back Walter Moctezuma to end a 12 play 77-yard offensive drive, changing the score to 50-18 with 4:08 in the third quarter.

Valley scored once again in the fourth quarter on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Carranza to wide receiver Keith Redmond, ending the game with 57-18.

"We were waiting to explode, and we finally did," said Kerr.

The Monarchs' next game is away at West Los Angeles College on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.

MONARCH SCHEDULES

Football:
Saturday,Nov.3
@ Culver City 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10
@ Los Angeles 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 2nd
@ Glendale 6 p.m.

Cross Country:
Saturday,Nov.3
Southern California Finals
@ Fairview Park, Costa Mesa 9 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 18
State Finals
@ Woodword Park, Fresno
10 a.m.

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MEN'S WATER POLO TEAM RANKS NUMBER ONE IN CONFERENCE

Valley College's men's water polo team will head to the Wetern State Conference Championship.

ASHLEY GOOSSEN
STAFF WRITER

Valley College's men's water polo team has had a successful season, obtaining the No. 1 conference seed and heading to its first Western State Conference Championship game.

"[The team] has put in many hours of physical and mental training," said Valley coach Jim McMillan. "I want them to work hard and get better."

McMillan, who has held the position of head coach at Valley for the past seven seasons, has guided the team to success this fall season.

"The only way to win is to come together and play for each other, and that's what they do," McMillan said.

Ranked seventh in the state and fifth in Southern California, the Men's water polo team has earned the title of No. 1 seed in its conference, going undefeated in games against Santa Monica College, Cuesta College, Citrus College and Ventura College.

"The last conference game against Santa Monica was very important," said McMillan.

The final conference game of the season took place Wednesday, Oct. 24 against Santa Monica College. The Monarchs came out on top, winning by an impressive 20-9, their second highest score of the season.

"The game against Santa Monica [was] just another step in getting to the conference championship game," said McMillan.

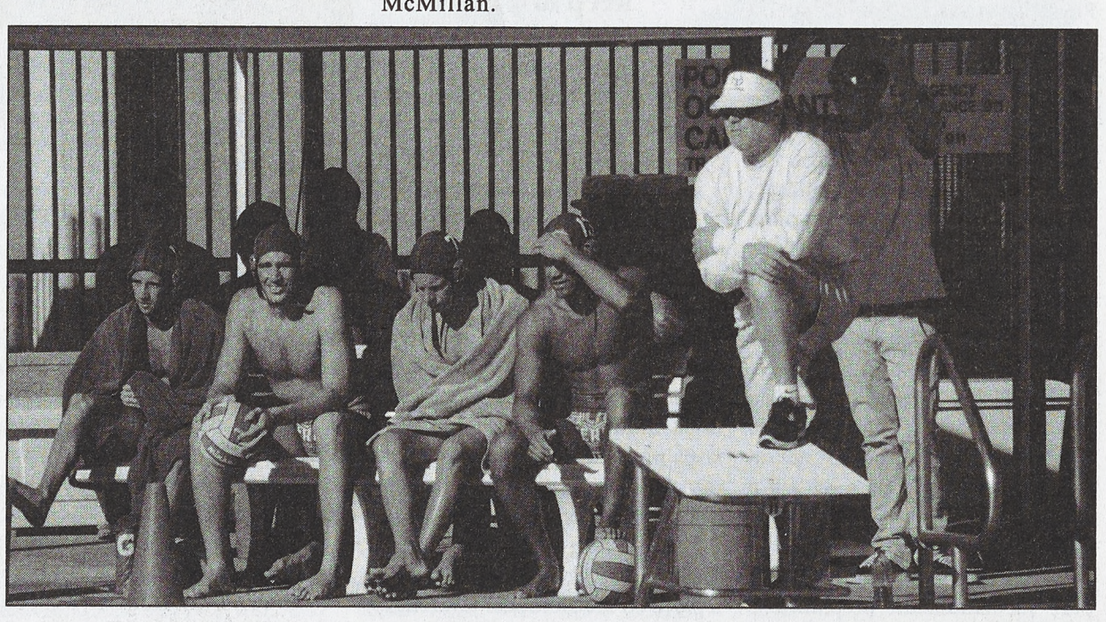
Every season the team has one goal in mind, which is to make it to the conference championship game.

"We're pretty excited to play in the game this week," said water polo player Jack Acampora. "We just have to execute."

In preparation for that, McMillan said this season's conference championship has been the team's main focus.

"Once we reach that goal, we'll focus on another, but that's what's important right now," McMillan said.

The first Western State Conference championship game is Friday, Nov. 2 and will be held at Ventura College at 4:30 p.m. against the winner of the Citrus vs. Santa Monica game. If the team wins the game Friday, the players will compete in the conference championship game Saturday, Nov. 3.



ERIKA SUPLECOVA | VALLEY STAR

SEEING THE WIN - The Monarchs' watched as the rest of the water polo team dominated Santa Monica College this past Wednesday, defeating them 20-9.

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EYE FOR A BALL - Valley College's women's water polo team's goalie Mariquita Lopez Engelman attempts to stop a shot by Santa Monica College during this past Wednesday's game where Valley won 15-8.

LADY MONARCHS END WATER POLO SEASON

The Valley College women's water polo team collected their 16th win of the season.

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Valley College's women's water polo team defeated the Santa Monica College Corsairs 14-8 this past Wednesday, October 24, making it the 16th victory and last game of the regular season for the Monarchs.

The green and gold got off to a fast start, scoring within the first 23 seconds. The Corsairs answered quickly, with their only first quarter goal made 7:13 left in the quarter. The Monarchs took advantage of the poor offensive execution by Santa Monica, stealing the ball on three possessions. Nayiri Kechichian and Sabrina Hatzer combined for seven goals in eight minutes, putting Valley in the lead 7-1.

"We noticed their defense and little things they didn't do well, so we just attacked," said Hatzer.

The Monarchs' momentum continued into the second quarter, scoring a goal after 18 seconds and extending their lead to 8-1.

The Corsairs created opportunities but could not convert due to inaccurate shooting. One Santa Monica shot bounced off the goalpost and was recovered by Hatzer, who sprinted down the pool for a Valley goal. The Monarchs closed the half leading 9-2.

Santa Monica rallied in the second half, scoring two goals in two minutes and making the score 9-4. Valley answered back with two goals by Kechichian, who had six goals for the game.

The Corsairs responded to the Monarchs' goals by adding two more goals themselves, changing the score to 11-6 with less than five minutes left to play in the third quarter.

"We just didn't shoot the ball well in the first half," said Corsairs coach Steven Contarsy. "We were shooting the ball over the cage, and we had a little problem with the sun. Bottom line is, we just didn't shoot well. Second half, we were shooting the ball better."

A penalty on the Corsairs led to a rare 30-second exclusion on the Santa Monica goalie, resulting in another Hatzer goal for the Monarchs to end the third quarter.

The Monarchs focused on stopping the Corsairs' offense and played more conservatively during the fourth quarter. Santa Monica managed only one goal in the fourth, resulting in a lopsided 14-8 victory for the Lady Monarchs.

"I think we got out of our scheme a little," said Valley coach Pete Loporchio. "They were able to get the ball in the center-forward position, and a couple of their goals came. It's like a team has Dwight Howard at center you try and keep it out of his hands. We got out of it a little bit, and that let them get a little bit of a surge."

Valley will participate in the Western State Conference Championship tournament on Nov. 2 and 3 at Ventura College.

THINK IT THROUGH

DODGERS FANS LEFT FEELING BLUE

Dodgers place second next to their California Rival, the San Francisco Giants.

ROMEO GONZALEZ

Orange is truly the color this Halloween. The Giants have won another World Series title, making it their second in the past three years and giving Dodgers fans more to be blue about.

As hard as it is to write this, the reality is the Giants are a better franchise than the Big Blue.

The Dodgers are clearly No. 2 compared to the Giants. Everything says it, the numbers, the history of the players and this season.

"The numbers do not say they're better. They're just as good, right now, maybe, but look at the past and ..." said former Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda to the Los Angeles Times.

This year the Giants made their 19th appearance in the World Series. That makes it one more than the Dodgers. After the Giants defeated Detroit last week, they won their seventh World Series title, one more than the Dodgers.

Adding this year's World Series appearance, San Francisco has shown up to the Fall Classic four more times since 1988, the last time the Dodgers were there.

Both teams have played together 2,373 times. That makes it the most times any two franchises have met. The Giants have come out on top, winning 24 more games.

As far as players go, the Giants have sent 66 players to the baseball Hall of Fame, making that a dozen more than the Dodgers. Giants players won the Most Valuable Player award two more times than the Dodgers. Adding to their award, San Francisco has also had seven MVP's compared to zero for the Dodgers.

"I never admitted this to anyone, but a couple of years ago I wrote [Giants Manager] Bruce Bochy a nice note on Dodger stationery," said Former Dodger Maury Wills to the L.A. Times. "I congratulated him for reminding us all how the game is supposed to be played."

With the Giants collecting all the numbers when it comes to players, stats and awards, it seems like the Dodgers are left with being the second best baseball team in California.

Los Angeles natives can brag all they want when it comes to dominating pitchers. The Dodgers have won the CY Young award seven more times than the Giants, with pitchers like Sandy Koufax, Eric Gagne, Fernando Valenzuela and Clayton Kershaw, the latest addition.

While Dodgers fans hope that next season will be better, hope that the bullpen will have more than just Kershaw to pitch a game and hope that Matt Kemp and the outfield can win a game with help from their defense. The Giants have proven to be the better team year after year, showing up and playing the game where it really matters, in the post season.

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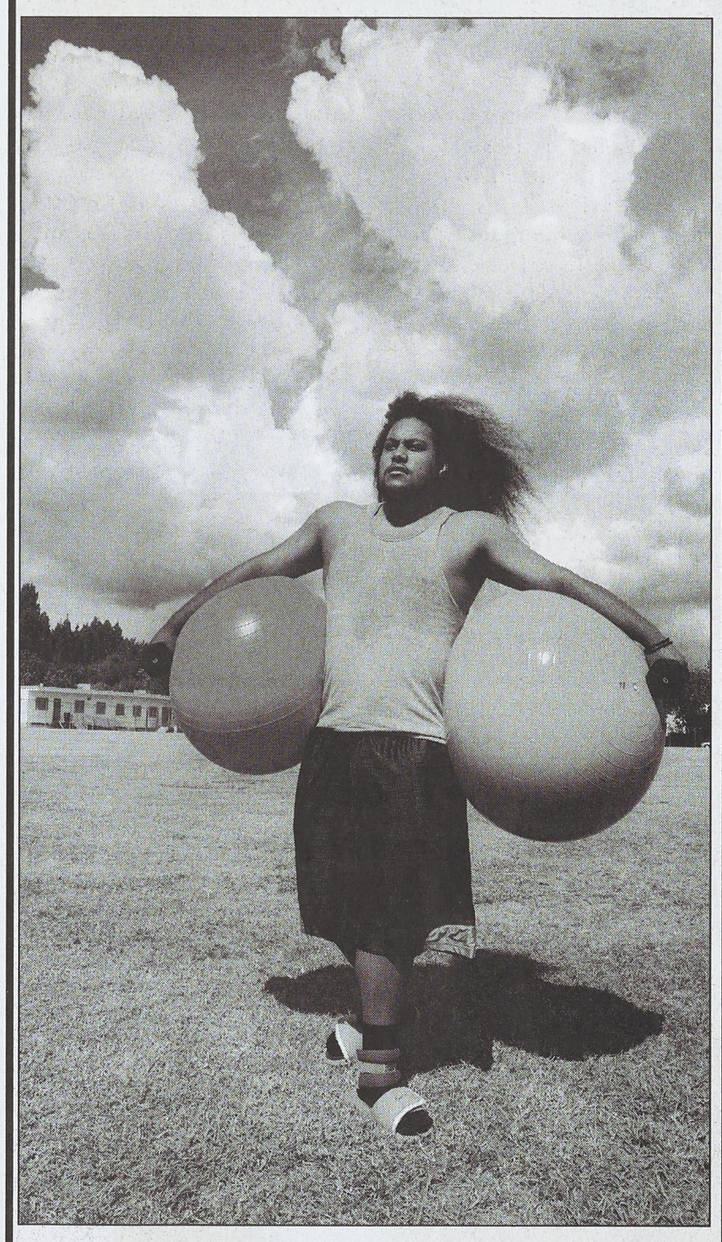

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IN MOTION - Criminal Justice major Tamale Niua carried equipment back to class after a workout in physical education instructor Patty Melody's body conditioning class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. "Her class is awesome," said Niua. "She knows what she's doing, and she makes the workout fun."

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HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY CELEBRATES DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

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DRESSING UP - In the mausoleum, a statue gets a mask for the day of the dead.

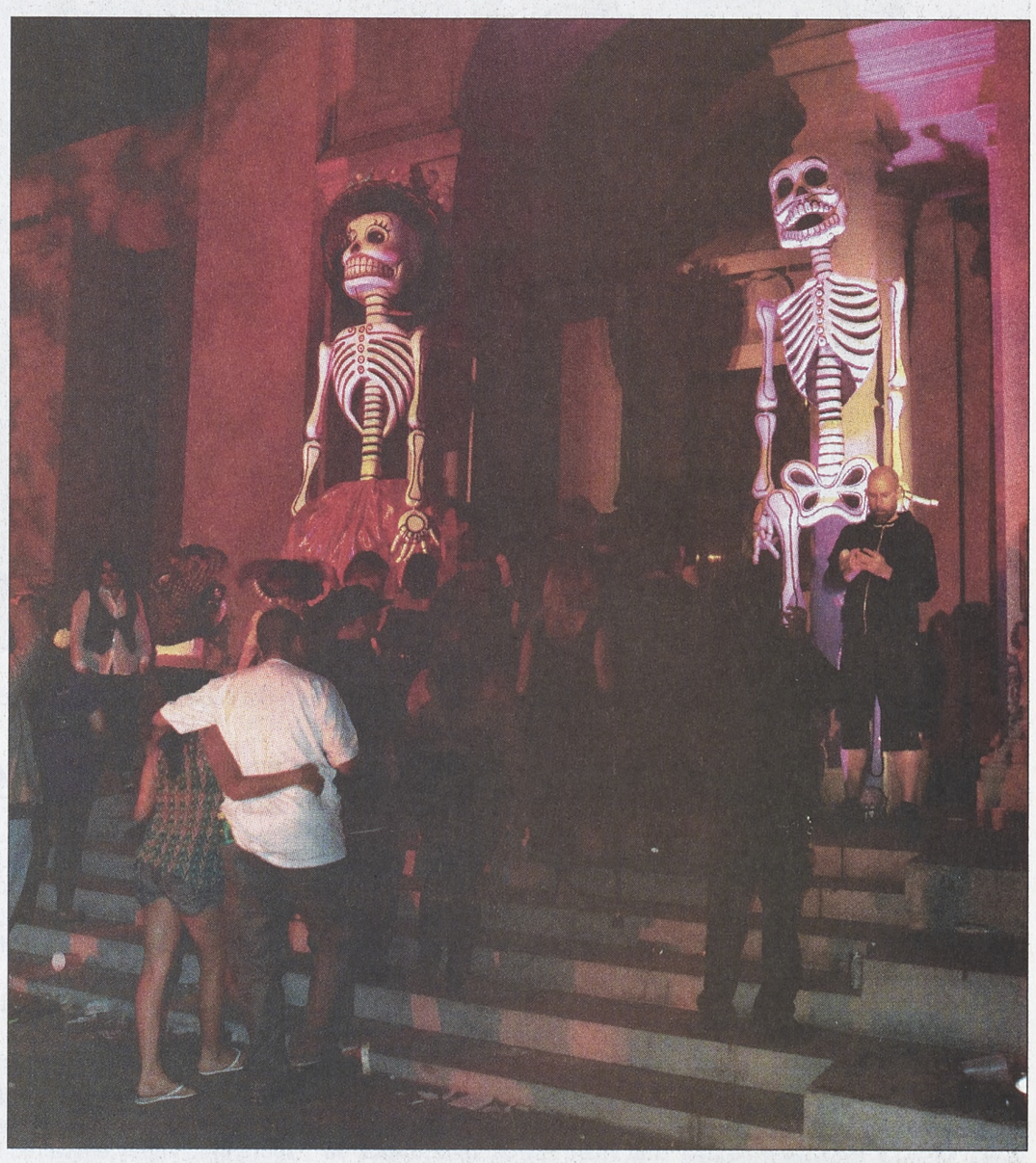
The Hollywood cemetery came to life this past Saturday, Oct. 27 when it was host to the 13th annual Día de los Muertos celebration. The festival, translated in English to Day of the Dead, spanned 12 hours, beginning at noon and ending at midnight.

Attendees were encouraged to dress up as Calacas—or skeletons—with full- or half-face make-up and were invited to enter a costume contest. The big prize of the night, however, went to the winner of the best altar competition. More than 100 artists created altars dedicated to loved ones, with the first-place winner taking home $3,000, the second-place winner claiming $2,000 and the third-place winner securing $1,000.

Día de los Muertos is a holiday dating back 3,000 years, preceding Hispanic cultures, in which people gather to pray and remember friends and family members who have died. Mourners visit family members or friends' graves and bring gifts, such as sugar skulls, marigold flowers, food, drinks and things people used to own.

Commemorators create altars with photos and items that belonged to the deceased person in an effort to help remember those who came before them. It is believed that souls do not die but go to a place call Mictlán where they rest, and on Día de los Muertos, the belief is that they return to the living world to visit relatives. The holiday is meant to teach lessons about life and death and to remove fear about the afterlife.

The event also included three live music stages featuring Spanish-speaking bands Ozomatli, La Santa Cecilia, Very Be Careful, Las Cafeteras and Tribu. Through the Cathedral Mausoleum was an art exhibition by Xamanism, an organization that "helps artists find their path and their way to enlightenment," according to its website.



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ENTER IF YOU DARE - The Cathedral Mausoleum was open and decorated with skeleton statues for attendees to walk into.

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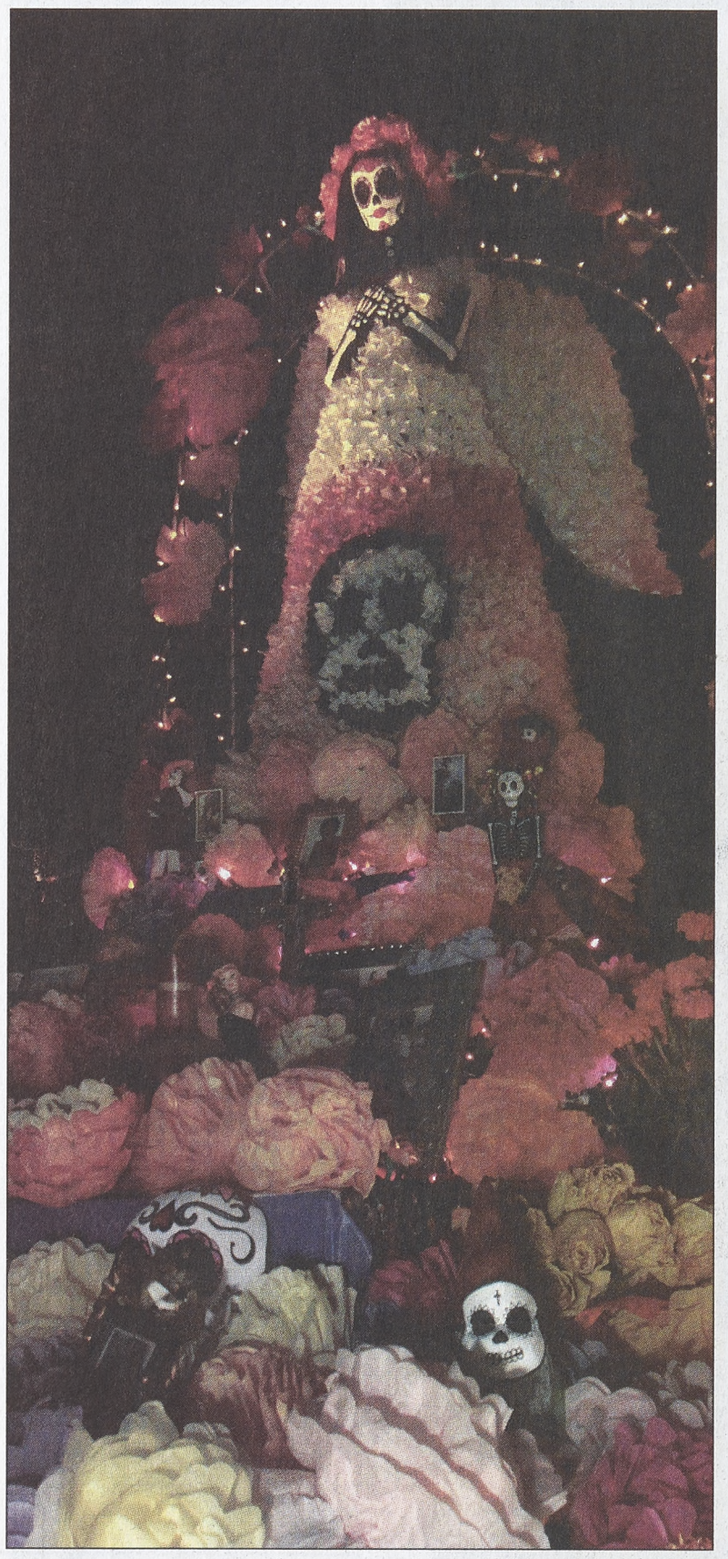
MUSIC FOR THE DEAD - Entertainment was provided by a number of musical acts, where even the band members wore face paint as part of the show.



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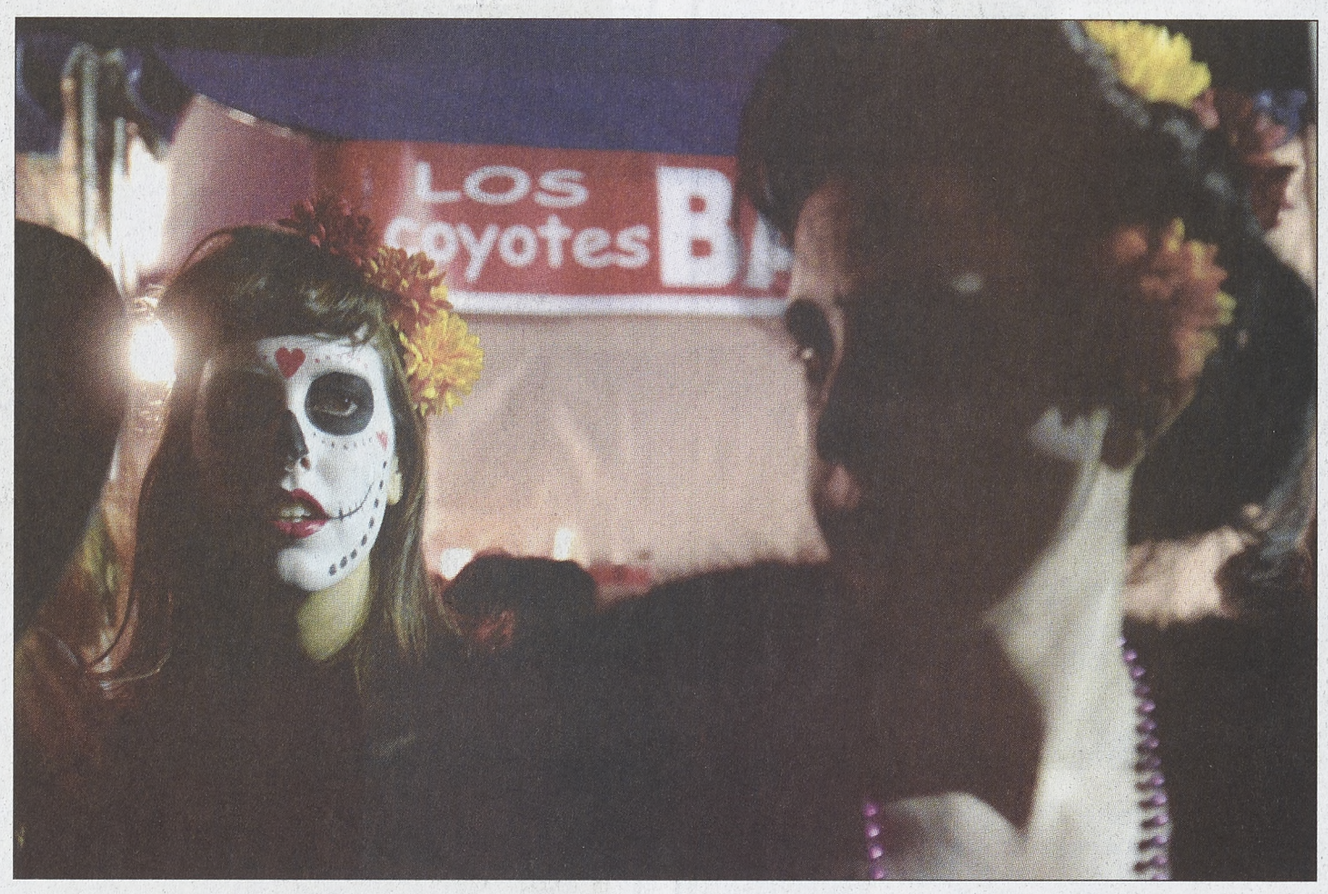
PAYING RESPECTS- Candles and pictures were placed Saturday, Oct. 27, to honor the dead.



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GETTING IN THE SPIRIT - Los Angelenos put their masks on for Día De Los Muertos. Attendees were encouraged to dress up as Calacas, or skeletons.